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TAGS: EAGR, JA

SUBJECT: CITRUS: ANTI-OPP CONSUMERIST CAMPAIGN

1. JUNE 22 ISSUE OF MAINICHI DAILY NEWS (ENGLISH) REPORTED RE-EMERGENCE OF ANTI-OPP CAMPAIGN BY FUKUOKA CHAPTER OF "CONSUMERS UNION OF JAPAN" (CUJ), CONSUMERIST GROUP THAT CLAIM 453 NATIONWIDE AFFILIATES.

2. CUJ HAS REPORTEDLY CONDUCTED ERRATIC CAMPAIGN AGAINST OPP SINCE SEPT. 1975 WHEN IT WROTE TO PRESIDENT FORD ASKING FOR SCIENTIFIC CORROBORATION CONCERNING SAFETY OF OPP. IN APRIL, 1976 CUJ ADOPTED A BOYCOTT DECLARATION AGAINST OPP-TREATED FRUIT.

3. CURRENTLY, CUJ HAS REPORTEDLY PUBLISHED A 48-PAGE PAMPHLET ON THE SO-CALLED HEALTH DANGERS OF OPP AND IS PLANNING TO DISTRIBUTE 3,000 COPIES ALONG WITH ANTI-OPP BADGES NATIONWIDE.

4. COMMENT: MAINICHI STORY WAS TAKEN VERBATIM FROM  
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KYODO NEWS SERVICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ITEM JUNE 20 AND DID NOT APPEAR IN MAJOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE DAILIES OR TRADE PRESS OR OTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES. TRADE REPRESENTATIVES WE CONTACTED HAD NOT HEARD OF THE ABOVE NEWS. WE BELIEVE THAT BEST COURSE FOR TIME BEING IS TO IGNORE THIS REPORT IN LIGHT OF SENSITIVITIES ON TBZ. MANSFIELD

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